

Our Lady of the Valleys Parish



Parish Priest	Father Tony Kearns	
Churches	Our Lady of Grace Church, 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga (HTG) St Francis Xavier Church, 152 Stokes Valley Road. Stokes Valley (SV)	
Sunday Eucharist	Sat 5:30 pm Vigil (SV)	8:30 am (SV) and 10:30 am (HTG)
Weekday Eucharist	Tuesday / Thursday	9:30 am (Stokes Valley)
	Wednesday/Friday	9:30 am (Heretaunga)
	Saturday	9:00 am (Heretaunga)
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	Friday	10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Heretaunga)
Reconciliation	By appointment with Parish Priest	
Presbytery and Parish Office	5 Palmer Crescent	Tel (04) 972 4282
Parish Administrator	Heretaunga	
Website	Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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27 th Sunday in Ordinary		READINGS	6 th October 2024
Time		YEAR B	
13 th October	1 st Reading	Wisdom 7: 7-11	
	2 nd Reading	Hebrews 4: 12-13	
	Gospel	Mark 10: 17-30	
20 th October	1 st Reading	Isaiah 53: 10-11	
	2 nd Reading	Hebrews 4: 14-16	
	Gospel	Mark 10: 35-45	

UPCOMING EVENTS		
Wed 16 th Oct	11.00 am	Anointing Mass at the Pettit Centre
Thur 17 th Oct	1:30 pm	Anointing Mass at Stokeswood Rest Home, SV
	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting



EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

What is happening around our Diocese? Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events - <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/events/>

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT 9.30 AM ON 16TH OCTOBER AT OLOG NOR AT 9.30 AM ON 17TH OCTOBER AT SFX

MISSING - BIBLE

A Bible is missing from the Sacristy at OLOG. If someone has borrowed it, could you please return it as soon as possible – the Bible belongs to a private collection.

SUPPORT LIFE SUNDAY 2024

This Sunday, the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand celebrates Support Life Sunday. Inspired by the recent Vatican document, *Dignitas Infinita*, the theme for 2024 is the nature of human dignity. The document reaffirms the Church's central belief that every person is created in the image and likeness of God and therefore possesses an infinite dignity. Read more and access Support Life Sunday resources at: <https://bit.ly/SupportLife2024>

COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2025

Limited (just 25) numbers are out now and available at the Parish Office for \$13 each (sorry the price has gone up) please hurry and secure a copy for yourself or a loved one.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

This program, for adults who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith will begin with an Introductory/Welcome session. These are opportunities for those interested in joining the Catholic Church family to come along and find out a little about the RCIA programme and to ask questions. The **Introductory Session is scheduled on Wednesday 30th October 2024 in the Meeting Room at Our Lady of Grace Church, 5 Palmer Crescent, Heretaunga.** This program is designed for those wishing to become Catholic. If you or a friend would like to join this program, please phone: Fr Tony 972 4282.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

The ladies who attended the gathering last Saturday, enjoyed discussion about how they celebrated Christmas, what family traditions they had, recipes and lots of other interesting topics. The day was warm and springlike and conversations continued over a cuppa and goodies. Thank you ladies for the way you contribute every month.



NOVEMBER – REMEMBERING THE BELOVED DEAD

During the month of November, we remember those God has called through the gates of death to eternal life. Pages are available in the foyer to record those family and friends whom you would like to pray for at each Mass celebrated in the Parish during November.

On All Souls Day, **Saturday November 2nd**, a Special Mass of Remembrance is being organised. It is to be celebrated in **Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga, at 10:00 am** for all the deceased, and especially for those who have died in the last twelve months. All are welcome to attend.

QUARTERLY FINANCE REPORT July – September 2024	
Operating Income	52,841
Less Expenditures	
• Pastoral Costs	(24,335)
• Property Costs*	(26,009)
• Administration Costs	(8,993)
Total Operating Expenditure	(59,337)
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(6,496)
Balance Sheet Flows	
• Balance Sheet Inflows	7,161
• Balance Sheet Outflows	(7,208)
Excess/(Deficit) for the Qtr	(6,543)





THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

We often get satisfaction from the things we own, clothes, cars, homes, gadgets, or money. There would be something unnatural if we did not. But what happens to us when our possessions begin to ‘own’ us, when they take a hold us, when we become obsessed with them? Jesus seeks followers who have the freedom to let go of possessions in order to be a servant of others. In whom have you seen this freedom? When have you experienced it yourself?

Growth implies change. That change sometimes means letting go of something we have at this moment: job, status, home, security, or something else we value. There can be an apparent loss in letting go. Yet have you ever found that you gained more than you lost by having the freedom to let go of something to which you had previously clung?

The disciples thought that Jesus was making impossible demands of people following him. He acknowledged that discipleship was impossible to us on our own efforts alone. How have you experienced the benefits of the help of others and of God when you were faced with difficulties in life?

MISSION NZ



Mission Sunday on Sunday 20th October celebrates our being witnesses of God, ready to proclaim, in word and deeds, the joy of the Good News of Jesus. We also express our solidarity to help missionary activities in other parts of the world. Give from your heart. Your gift is your legacy to missions. Donate online: <https://missio.nz/donate>



DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE NZ

Mission in Wellington – Sacred Heart Church Petone October 14, 2024 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Lead by Fr Augustine Vallooran VC with Glen & Teresa La’rive from the Divine Retreat Centre Potta, India. See the noticeboard for more

information.



SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all. We are all challenged to work to develop a Culture of Safeguarding within the Church so that all those we interact with feel comfortable, respected and valued. Kevin Plant, Archdiocese Safeguarding Coordinator, will be delivering a Safeguarding workshop on Tuesday 12th November at the Pettit Centre, Our Lady of Grace Church, Heretaunga at 7pm. All those involved in Ministry at Our Lady of the Valleys Parish and at St Joseph’s Parish are encouraged to attend as well as parishioners who want to increase their understanding of safeguarding in our Parish communities.

XLT Youth Worship Night

Calling all teens and young adults. Join us for the last two XLT (eXaLT) worship nights of the year! XLT is a night of fellowship, prayer, food, live praise & worship, Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration, all centred around a theme

and aimed at college students and young adults. Join us at 7pm on Friday 18th October and 29th November at St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDS TO SEND OVERSEAS

We have become aware that there may be people who are soliciting privately for money to be sent overseas to personal bank accounts, allegedly to assist with charitable works. If you wish to donate money overseas, we encourage you to do so through a New Zealand registered charity such as Caritas. If you have been approached to send money to a private bank account under the guise of overseas mission work, please contact the Archdiocesan Privacy and Complaints Officer, Elizabeth Berry on 0800 825 528 or 021 567 143 or email at e.berry@wn.catholic.org.nz



JOSHUA WELLINGTON

Back in Connolly Hall for the second time after 6 years; next to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Guildford Terrace. Come and join other men on Thursday 17th October from 7:00pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm start for meeting followed by supper. Speaker: Rainer Hensel on "The Lord has set me free from all my fears"

Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

Why candles?

Ever been to Carols by Candlelight? If so, you will agree that there is something about the glow of candle flames on a dark night that evokes feelings of warmth, hope and festivity. No wonder, then, that Christians use candles as a symbol of the life and enlightenment that comes from God. The practice of using candles in the Christian liturgy is based on early Christian traditions of lighting candles in pre-dawn services, in the catacombs and on the graves of Christian martyrs. Next time you light a candle, pause to consider how you can bear the light of Christ to our troubled world.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER all who are sick and unwell, those affected by the COVID-19 virus, and those who are lonely. We pray also for those who have died recently, especially Joan Corcoran, Pam Wasson, and Rae Cameron. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FOR THE YOUNG ONES

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE B



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 10:17-30

PUZZLE FOR YOU

The Rich Young Man

"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Mark 10:25 (NIV)



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camel	father	lack	murder	teacher
commandments	give	life	needle	testimony
eternal	honor	loved	poor	wealth